

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005. Applicants request a 2-month extension of time and submit herewith the required fee. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments, remarks and arguments presented. Claims 10-12 remain pending in this application.

By the amendments presented the specification has been amended to update the information at page 1 of the application to recite "U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/919,633, filed on July 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,783,118." Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Also by the amendments presented, applicants are resubmitting the drawings originally submitted on April 2, 2004, including the heading "Replacement Sheet."

Specification

The examiner objects to the specification, because the current status of parent application ser. no. 09/919,633 was not updated.

Applicants have updated the information for U.S. appln. ser. no. 09/919,633 as issued patent U.S. Patent No. 6,783,118. In view of this amendment, applicants respectfully submit that this objection is now moot.

Drawings

The examiner requires resubmission of the formal drawings submitted on April 2, 2004 with the heading "Replacement Sheet." Applicants enclose herewith 5 pages of drawings bearing the heading "Replacement Sheet." Applicants, therefore, submit that this objection is now moot.

Double Patenting

Claims 10-12 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 11 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,224,681.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 10-12 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned collect at (415) 705-6377 if there are any questions, or if it will expedite allowance of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0822.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix: five (5) pages of replacement sheets
Enclosure: one Terminal Disclaimer

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APPENDIX

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace the 5 pages of informal drawings bearing Figures 1, 2A through 2D, and 3 with the 5 pages of formal drawings bearing Figures 1, 2A through 2D, and 3, which are enclosed herewith. The replacement sheets have been labeled in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet."